

The Benefits of Family Forests



Forestry in Michigan

Landcover: Forestland accounts for 19.3 million acres, or 53% of land in Michigan.

Ownership: Nearly 9 million acres of Michigan’s forestland are owned by 438,000 family forest owners.

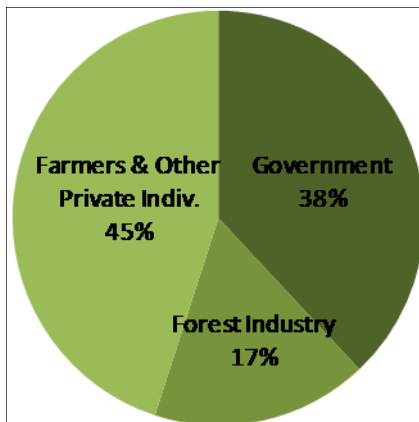
Certified Tree Farms: There are 1,360 certified tree farms in the state ATFS program for a total of 869, 437 acres.

Jobs: The forest products industry is one of Michigan’s top ten largest manufacturing industries. In 2007, it contributed \$1.2 billion to the state’s economy and led to the creation of over 30,859 jobs. These jobs, in turn, generated over 30,000 additional jobs outside the wood products industry.

Wood: Woody biomass accounts for 30% of Michigan’s renewable energy and generates around \$68 million a year.

Recreation: There are 753,000 licensed hunters in Michigan who benefit from well-managed forests.

State Timberland Ownership



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Congressional District	Total	Family	Public	Private
MI 04 Dave Camp (R)	2,234,622	1,315,238	777,083	142,301

National Statistics and Facts

Landcover: More than half (56%) of the nation’s forests are privately owned.

Jobs: Every 1,000 acres of private forests supports eight well-paying jobs.; each job created in private forests creates an additional 2.95 jobs.

Carbon: Wood building materials—the majority of which are from private forests—reduce energy use and carbon emissions in manufacturing from 70% to 88%.

Wood: Family forests are the economic lynchpin of small towns and rural areas around the nation.

Water: More than 25% of our drinking water originates in private forests.

Wildlife: 60% of all at-risk species rely on America’s private forests.



American Forest Foundation

The American Forest Foundation is a non-profit organization that gives people the tools they need to be effective stewards of America’s natural heritage. We work with educators, family woodlands owners, and partners in every state to keep our forests healthy and our children well-prepared for the future they will inherit. We grow stewardship every day.